Proposal for new projects under DPAP of Maharashtra

2486. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals submitted by the Government of Maharashtra or sanction of new projects under Centrally sponsored scheme-DPAP, are still pending consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these proposals are pending;

(c) the reasons for which a decision has not so far been taken in the matter; and

(d)~the present status thereof and when these proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development *suo moto* sanctions new watershed projects (of 500 hectares each) to the 16 programme States under DPAP keeping in view the budget outlay, identified coverage of DPAP in the State, committed liability for implementation of on-going projects, performance of on-going projects etc. During June, 2004 a request was received from the Government of Maharashtra for sanction of 1000 additional projects. The Ministry, keeping the above sanctioning criteria in view, sanctioned 303 new projects to the State during 2004-05 and 360 new projects have been approved for sanction to the State during 2005-06.

Potential of industrial development in rural areas

† 2487. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is potential of industrial development in addition to agriculture in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that 29 per cent industrial units of organized industrial sector are functioning in rural areas of the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the estimate regarding number thereof; and

(d) the percentage of labourers and value of annual production in the total organized industrial sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Industrial units set up, employment generated and value of annual production under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) being implemented by the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries are given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	No.of industrial unit set up	Employment Generated (No. of persons)	Value of production
REGP	2,09,705	28,05,235	3,41,543.37
PMRY	49,74,283	32,85,789	
TOTAL:	51,83,988	60,91,024	3,41,543.37

Development of laterite soil in Chhattisgarh

2488. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether It is a fact that Planning Commission in its report of July, 2001 proposed that waste land in the order of 42.27 m.h.a. would be covered by greening India:

(b) whether Government are aware that some organizations, have launched a programme for development of laterite soil in the State of Chhattisgarh and created mass employment opportunities among rural people; and

(c) if so, what incentive Government propose to offer to the private entrepreneurs for development of degraded land and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Planning Commission in its report on 'Greening India For Livelihood Security And Sustainable